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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of
Inventor(s):
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TITLE

**POLYLACTIC-ACID-BASED
SHEET MATERIAL AND
METHOD OF MAKING**

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RESPONSE TO THE EXAMINER'S ELECTION REQUEST
UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 121

Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action with a mailing date of June 02, 2005, requiring election of one of the following groups:

Group I:

Claims 1-18, drawn to a sheet material, classified in class 428, subclass 317.9; and

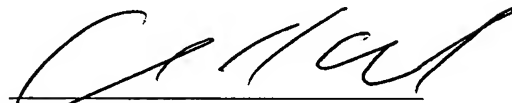
Group II:

Claims 19-30, drawn to method of making a sheet material, classified in class 264, subclass various.

Applicants elect the claims of Group II, Claims 19-30, with traverse.

An action on the merits of the elected claims is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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